

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5012

INFO AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: MOPS, ET, SO

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA CLAIMS SOMALI ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF USE OF  
AIR FORCE

1. IN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED JULY 27, ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF  
INFORMATION CLAIMED THAT REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOMALI  
EMBASSY, PARIS, JULY 26, THAT "SOMALI AND ETHIOPIAN  
WARPLANES WERE ENGAGED IN AIR BATTLES OVER HARGEISA"  
CONSTITUTED FIRST OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S  
CHARGES THAT SOMALIA USING ITS AIR FORCE TO SUPPORT  
FIGHTING IN OGADEN. SOMALIA EMBASSY IN PARIS SUPPOSED ALSO  
TO HAVE SAID THAT TWO SOMALI MIG-17S, TWO ETHIOPIAN F-5'S  
AND ONE C-130 TRANSPORT PLANE LOST IN BATTLE.

2. ACCORDING TO MININFO, SOMALIA'S VAIN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT  
LOCATION OF AIR BATTLE TO HARGEISA WAS DESIGNED TO  
MISINFORM WORLD OPINION ABOUT ITS INVASION. RELEASE ALSO  
CLAIMED THAT GSDR HAD ANNOUNCED IT HAD KNOWLEDGE OF  
ALLEGED ETHIOPIAN PLAN TO ATTACK HARGEISA AND BERBERA.  
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MINISTRY POINTED OUT THAT SINCE ETHIOPIA IS ENGAGED IN  
DEFENSIVE STRUGGLE TO REPULSE INVADING SOMALI FORCES,  
IT HAS NO DESIRE OR PLANS TO ATTACK ANY COUNTRY, AND  
SEEKS NOTHING THAT BELONGS TO OTHERS.  
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